

Appl. No. 09/451,619
Response Dated April 2, 2004
Reply to Notice of March 5, 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 5, 2004, a complete listing of the claims, including inadvertently omitted claims 7-18 which were canceled in the Response to Restriction Requirement dated June 26, 2001, is respectfully submitted. Claims 4, 6, 19-22 and 24 remain in the application. It is not the Applicants' intent to surrender any equivalents because of the amendments or arguments made herein. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of this submission are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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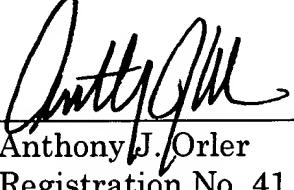
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Respectfully submitted,
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